

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for reversible fixing of a tool to an end of an implantable element, when fitting a dental prosthesis, ~~characterized in that it~~wherein method successively comprises:

- reversible fixing of a hollow intermediate connecting part (9, 22) onto an external complementary part of the tool (15, 18, 28, 36),
- positioning of the tool (15, 18, 28, 36) equipped with the intermediate connecting part (9, 22) on the end of the implantable element (13, 25, 30, 38) until the intermediate connecting part (9, 22) clips onto an external complementary part of the implantable element (13, 25, 30, 38).

2. (Currently Amended) Device for implementation of a method for reversible fixing according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein it comprises a hollow intermediate connecting part (9, 22) comprising fixing means for fixing the connecting part in reversible manner onto an external complementary part of the tool, and clipping means designed to clip into an external complementary part of the implantable element (13, 25, 30, 38), so as to enable reversible fixing of different types of tools (15, 18, 28, 36) in different types of implantable elements (13, 25, 30, 38).

3. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the fixing means comprise at least one groove (12) formed in the internal wall of the connecting

part (9, 22) and designed to cooperate by clipping with a salient peripheral rib (17) on the tool (15, 18, 28, 36).

4. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the groove (12) is delimited by at least one rim (11) arranged at one end of the connecting part (9), said rim (11) being designed to cooperate by clipping with an external groove (14) formed at the end of the implantable element (13).

5. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the clipping means comprise a second groove formed in the internal wall of the connecting part and designed to cooperate with an external rib formed at the end of the implantable element (25, 30, 38).

6. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the fixing means comprise screwing means.

7. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any one of the claims 2 to 6~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the intermediate connecting part (9, 22) is made of plastic.

8. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any one of the claims 2 to 6~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the intermediate connecting part (9, 22) is made of metal and that it comprises slots (39) designed to make it deformable.

9. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the slots (39) are T-shaped.

10. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the slots (39) are parallel to the axis (A1) of the connecting part.

11. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the slots (39) are oblique with respect to the axis (A1) of the connecting part.

12. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any one of the claims 2 to 6~~claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the intermediate connecting part (9, 22) comprises a metal part and a plastic part.

13. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any one of the claims 2 to 12~~claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the connecting part comprises an opening passing through the surface thereof in a direction parallel to the axis (A1).

14. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any one of the claims 2 to 13~~claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the connecting part (9, 22) comprises spigots (40) salient towards the inside of the part.

15. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any one of the claims 2 to 14~~claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the implantable element is chosen from the group comprising a dental implant (13, 25), an intermediate pillar (30) and a die (38).

16. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any one of the claims 2 to 15~~claim 2,
~~characterized in that~~wherein the tool is a placing tool (15, 28) for placing the implantable
element.

17. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any one of the claims 2 to 15~~claim 2,
~~characterized in that~~wherein the tool is a transfer part (18, 36).